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News for a campus community

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Traveling memorial wall makes a stop in Winona

By Kaarina Alfors
Winonan

A piece of history made its way to traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall offered students and community members a chance to see a miniature version of the wall on Winona State University's main campus.

Owners and operators of the wall model, the Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard, set up the

model Vietnam Wall Memorial for four days, starting on Sept. 18 between Stark and Phelps Halls.

Their main purpose was to take the wall from city to city, reuniting Vietnam Veterans and their families, as well as allow community members to pay respect to the people who fought and died for the United States during the war.

"The wall is a good way to remember those who died,"

stated Dan Pomeroy, a local Veteran from Winona, "It took 18 years for a Vietnam memorial to be built after the war ended, so it really means something that this is here."

The wall extends 288 feet and stands up to six feet tall. The wall is about three-fifths the size of the original Vietnam Memorial located in Washington, D.C.

The original Memorial wall was designed by an

undergraduate student at Yale University, and was chosen from over 1,400 design entries.

An opening ceremony for the Memorial Wall took place at WSU on Sept. 19, beginning with a Vietnam War Veteran color guard presentation and a performance of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Winona State student Kyle Ellinghuysen.

During the ceremony, speeches were given by Winona

State's President, Judith A. Ramaley, Winona's mayor Jerry Miller, and Marine Corps veteran Gary Gullickson, about the importance of the wall in Winona.

In addition to this traveling memorial, Winona hosts several war memorials at Lake Park, including its own Vietnam memorial.

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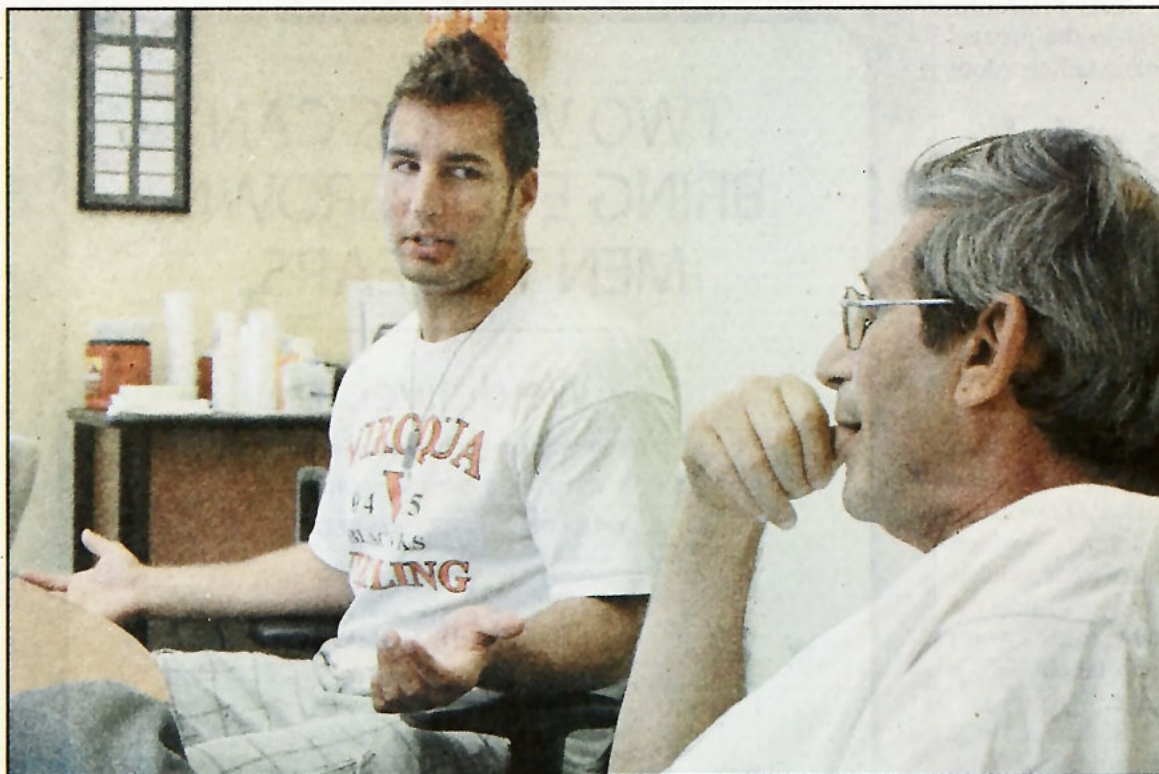


Photo by Rory O'Driscoll/Winonan

Mike Majerowicz, left, Winona State University student, meets with Winona Mayor Jerry Miller on Friday at City Hall to discuss plans regarding the development of safe alternatives to student drinking.

Possible "club" alternative to Winona's bar scene

By Kaarina Alfors and
Rachel Smith
Winonan

In an effort to curb teen drinking and deaths from drinking, students from Winona State University are working with representatives from the city of Winona to create a college night club downtown.

Student Mike Majerowicz, the project's initiator and main voice, said his original goal for the club was to target the people who are looking for alternatives to drinking and to create a place that reached everyone's interests.

"People are looking for something to do late at night

after other campus activities," Majerowicz said. "They are going out for social interaction."

A student night club was a popular solution.

The college students-only club would include a place for dancing, playing games and possibly offer a local venue for bands and disk jockeys.

"We want to create a Wal-Mart of clubs," Majerowicz said.

The club could also provide students with opportunities for jobs and networking.

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President Ramaley's talk
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New Purple Pass takes place of green cash

**By Courtney Zinter
Winonan**

Administrators at Winona State University are offering an optional alternative for students who don't carry cash on campus.

Purple Pass, a new feature on the Warrior ID, enables students to make on-campus purchases on with their identification cards.

After opening in June, the Purple Pass office collected \$64,930 in 15 days.

Since then, students and faculty have deposited a total of \$96,296 into their Purple Pass accounts.

Currently, Winona State students and staff can use Purple Pass at the bookstore, dining services, copy machines and in the residence hall laundry rooms.

For Amy Daniels, a freshman

at Winona State, the card has other benefits as well.

"I like how I don't have to carry quarters for laundry, I just have to swipe my ID card," Daniels said.

She added she likes to use her card on Friday's at the bookstore when students who use Purple Pass get a 10 percent discount on clothing items.

Daniels said she does not think many students use Purple Pass yet because it's a new program.

Sue Groth, campus card manager, said it will be important to find out what students want and so the Purple Passes will become more popular with students.

"We spent the summer getting the system up and running and trying to figure out what products and services we can put on this card to make it more attractive for students," Groth

said.

She described the card as a "declining balance account." With the Purple Pass option, students receive a free "Manage My ID" account. The account tracks meal plan swipes, Kryzsko Kash, Purple Pass account and transaction history.

"What's really nice about it is it shows all their transactions. So it shows the date, the time and a very detailed six month history," Groth said. "For the student, it helps them be responsible for their funds."

Though the program is new, the staff in the Purple Pass office plan to increase the locations the card can be used in the future, as well as the different things the card will be able to do.

Administrators are in the process of installing a door

security system on buildings on campus.

"It's now door security on campus. It's going to make a more safe and secure environment," Groth said. "Maxwell is done, Sheehan is being done, and then we'll move through buildings accordingly."

Along with door security, the Purple Pass office plans to put card readers on all vending and pop machines on campus.

The project should be completed by the end of winter break.

Other future plans include bike rentals, parking options and a possible bank branch on campus.

Groth said they hope to partner with other community businesses.

"Within a year we'd like to take the card outside to Kwik Trips, Pizza Hut, Subway, any local establishments that are around campus," Groth said. "This generates scholarship money from community partners, money for student clubs and community presence for Winona State."

For now, those working with Purple Pass look forward to the future of the card.

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President Ramaley chats with students at Meet and Discuss

**By Stephanie Trask
Winonan**

Questions were left unanswered and issues were still not resolved for members of Winona State University's Student Senate at last Thursday's "Meet and Discuss" with the university's President Judith Ramaley.

Ramaley and cabinet members met with Student Senate President David O'Bray and other senators to discuss significant issues at the time.

Some of the concerns were implementation for a smoke-free campus, strategic planning for university goals, and the biannual budget.

The senators questioned how administration would implement a smoke-free campus a policy which had

been confirmed for spring semester 2009.

Vice-President of Academic Affairs Sally Johnstone said administration still needed to find a group to head the new task force for implementation.

"We're still waiting on names for the constituents who will best head this group," she said.

Student Senate Vice-President Caitlin Stene was worried about not having a group together yet.

"Next semester is going to come up really quickly, and I just want to make sure we're prepared," Stene said.

After hearing about the implementation issues from Minnesota State University-Moorhead, which has also adopted a smoke-free policy, Stene said she was worried

students wouldn't take the issue seriously.

Johnstone has been working with the head of Franciscan Skemp, which also went smoke-free, to ensure the new rules "won't be taken as a joke."

Ramaley ensured the seriousness of the implementation.

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Students could manage the club and gain experience in their respective fields of study, Majerowicz said.

"We plan on involving students as much as possible," he said.

An additional resource of the club would be creating a "safe room." Here, students would have a place they could go to if they were intoxicated, where a trained person could be there to help them, Majerowicz said.

Majerowicz has been working with Winona mayor Jerry Miller to get the project started. Miller agreed last year to consider plans for a club if more than 1,000 students signed a petition showing interest.

As evidenced by a Facebook group Majerowicz formed, more than 1,500 students

have expressed interest in the project.

The group, called "Official Petition to Start a Night Club in Winona," received more than 100 posts from students, asking questions and commenting on the project.

On Sept. 10, representatives from Winona State, including Student Activities director Joe Reed and Student Senator and Legislative Affairs chair Josh Martin, met with council members to discuss club plans.

"The mayor and council seemed more enthusiastic about the project," Majerowicz said.

Majerowicz hopes that Winona State's student life fund will help finance the project.

In order to make the alcohol-free building a success, Miller and Majerowicz are trying to

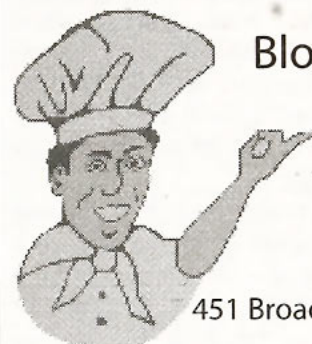
include St. Mary's University and Minnesota State College Southeast Technical in the project.

"This way you have a bigger social network," Majerowicz said.

The location of the club is still undecided. Possible locations include the Crossroads building downtown on Third Street, the old Chrysler building on Huff Street or the American Legion located on Third Street.

Majerowicz said he hopes a final location will be determined in the upcoming week.

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"Like everything else in a democracy, everyone reacts differently to new ideas. If patterns emerge with problems involving the implementation, we will re-visit our strategy and make necessary revisions," Ramaley said.

Another issue that Ramaley wanted to discuss with the senators was her 2009 fiscal year presidential work plan draft.

This draft lists and explains all the university goals that she wants to accomplish as president by the end of this school year.

Rameley gave the senators a summary from a session on enriching student experience and supporting success with Ramaley's cabinet members.

Ramaley wants Obray to get student feedback to include more input. She has until mid November to finalize the draft.

Though early, Ramaley also discussed the next biannual

budget.

Senators acknowledged that students want lower tuition without cutting programs, and also know it will be hard to accomplish without a tuition increase due to the rising cost of living.

Ramaley and her cabinet have yet to meet and finalize a budget, but she pointed out the importance of student senate keeping up with the budget because 80 percent of it deals with students.

"It's critically important to pay attention to student's success and to be mindful of student leadership," Ramaley said.

Rameley is optimistic about the school year so far.

"It's going to be one of those years where working together makes a lot of sense," Ramaley said.

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Photo by Rory O'Driscoll/Winonan

Student Senate President David Obray, right, Sen. Josh Martin, center and Sen. Sean Gau met with Winona State University President Judith Ramaley on Thursday in order to discuss university financing, student enrollment, as well as policies, including the impending smoking ban.

Security Incidents

Tuesday, September 16

3:50 p.m. - A student reported being harassed by another student while in the residence halls. The matter was referred to the Hall Director and Director of Housing.

was identified and told to leave the library.

10:43 p.m. - A student was cited for attempting to bring alcohol into Tau. The matter was referred to the hall director.

Friday, September 19

2:30 a.m. - Security personnel discovered running water spilling onto the floor from faulty plumbing in the East Cafeteria. Maintenance was notified and the matter was referred to them.

7:10 p.m. - A student reported the theft of his bike from outside of Kryzsko Commons. The matter was referred to the Winona Police department.

10:30 p.m. - A student reported that his vehicle was broken

into while parked in the south Sheehan parking lot. The matter was referred to the Winona Police Department.

11:01 p.m. - Security cited a student in Kryzsko Commons for an alcohol violation. The matter was referred to the conduct officer.

Saturday, Sept. 20

1:23 a.m. - Security responded to several students causing a disturbance outside of Sheehan Hall. Students left the area when they Security arrived.

2:20 a.m. Security and Winona Police responded to a call at Lourdes Hall, where an individual was passed out on the lawn. It was determined the subject was not a student and was sent on his way.

2:00 p.m. - A student was removed from the stadium and eventually arrested by the Winona Police Department for trespassing. The matter was referred to conduct officer.

2:03 p.m. - A student was arrested for disorderly conduct and minor consuming at the stadium. The matter was also referred to the conduct officer.

2:05 p.m. - Security responded to a call that an older gentleman passed out at a Warrior football game. The individual was referred to EMS on the scene and was not transported to the hospital.

2:20 p.m. - A student was feeling sick at the stadium and was referred to EMS. The student was not transported.

2:28 p.m. - Security responded to a report of a student feeling sick. Student was referred to EMS that was already on scene. Student was not transported to the hospital.

Sunday, September 21

9:17 p.m. - Security and Winona Fire responded to a fire alarm at the Wabasha Recreational Center. It was a false alarm.

Wednesday, September 17

4:43 p.m. - A student reported the theft of his bike from campus. The complainant indicated he last saw his bike on August 21, 2008. The matter was referred to the Winona Police department.

Thursday, September 18

9:57 p.m. - Security responded to a report of a suspicious male in the library. The individual

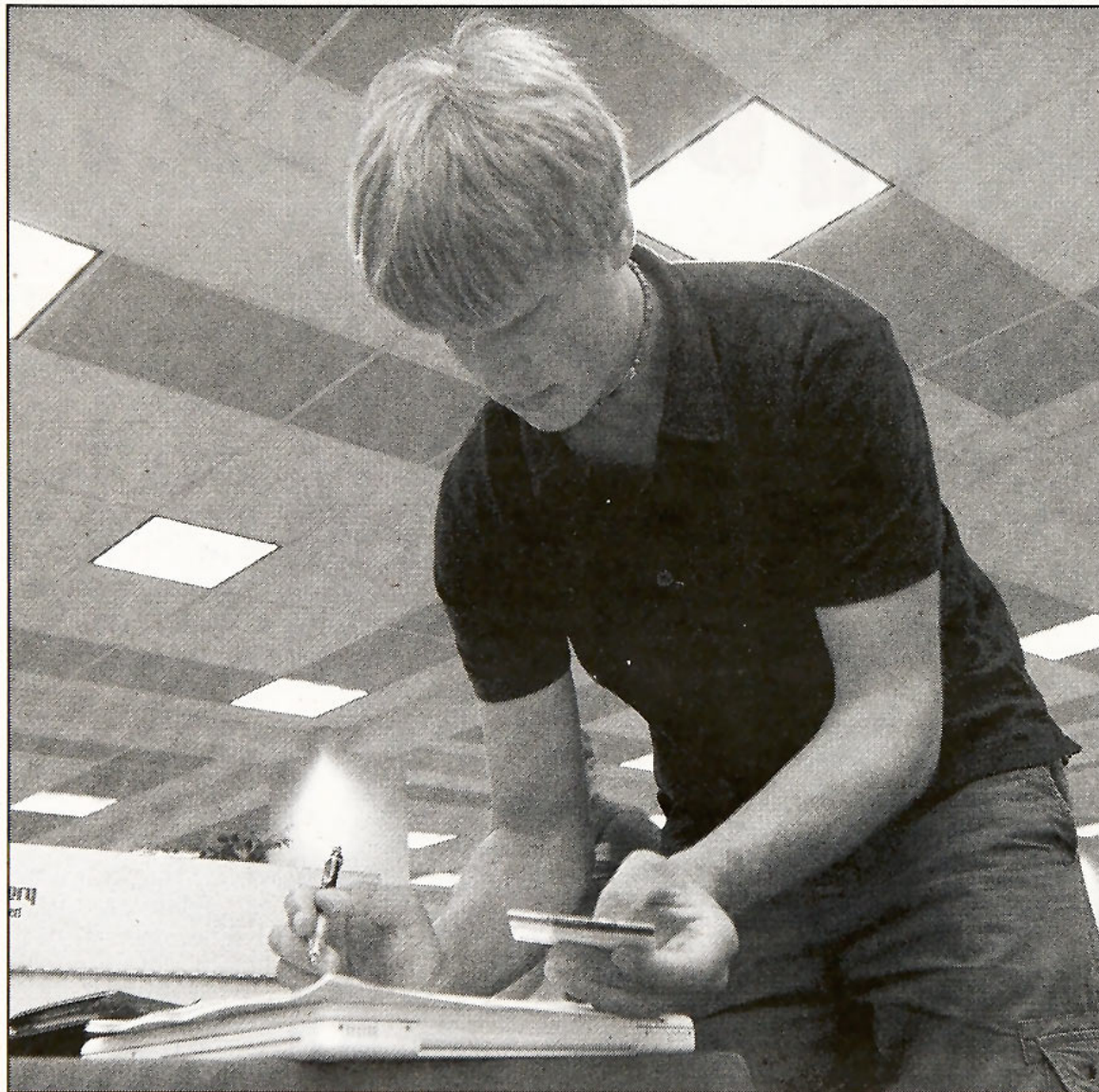


Photo by Rory O'Driscoll/Winonan

Denver Brown, a senior at Winona State University, registers to vote Sept. 17 at the Darrell W. Krueger Library. Cookies and t-shirts as incentives to get people to register and vote.

Elections near; students prepare to make the vote

By Jenna Cameron
Winonan

The student senate and library staff put on one of the first of many get-out-the-vote rallies in the library Thursday afternoon.

With free cookies and T-shirts as an incentive to get students registered to vote, senators David O Bray, Alexandra Shoemaker and Josh Martin stood with a handful of library staff, including Dean Tom Bremer.

It was hard to miss the booth, with a giant television displaying voter information, patriotic decorations and the cluster of people standing around it near the library's entrance.

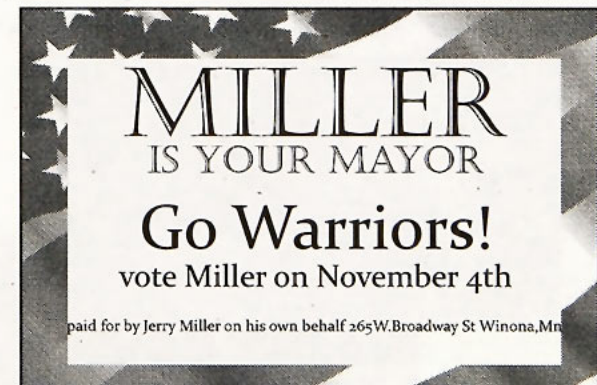
The rally was not just for freshman voters, either.

"Any student or even a community member can come and vote," said library staff member Allison Quam. "Our goal is to show them how."

The Minnesota State University Association provided WSU with the supplies for the rally, as they do for all Minnesota universities.

"It is almost like a competition with the other colleges" Shoemaker said. "Whoever gets the most students to vote, wins."

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Wing Safety program

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) FAASTEAM, in cooperation with the Minnesota Office of Aeronautics, Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical, Winona State University, and Win Air are sponsoring a Wing Safety program from 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at the MSC-ST Aviation Airport Campus building.

Larry Oliver, an expert in Global Positioning System Navigation and Wide Area Augmentation Systems, will

give his nationally recognized presentation to all area pilots and interested individuals.

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Phelps adds 60 foot Sesquicentennial mural

In conjunction with Winona State University's Sesquicentennial Celebration and Homecoming 2008, WSU announces the installation of a 60-foot long, five-foot high illustrative mural.

The mural depicts a timeline of WSU's four identities: the Winona State Normal School, Winona State Teachers College, Winona State College and Winona State University. It is a chronological account of important events and trends in WSU's history.

Beth Halleck has been part of the mural creation along with marketing specialist Brett

Ayers and graphic designer Angela Kronebusch. The pictures included in the mural can be viewed in the WSU Scrapbook, which is available in the WSU Bookstore.

The mural will be a permanent addition to Phelps Hall and can be viewed any time the campus is open. Phelps was chosen as the mural site because it is one of WSU's first buildings and has a historical connection to the community.

For more information, call Beth Halleck at (507) 457-2444 or e-mail BHalleck@winona.edu.

HAPPY 150TH BIRTHDAY

Early Saturday morning, students and community members warmed up for a five kilometer race around Winona's East Lake.

The event was "The Warrior Waddle."

Race coordinator Tom Slaggie said he was surprised by the race's turnout.

The goal for the race was to have 200 runners. More than

250 people registered. Slaggie hopes to do more benefit runs in the future.

"We wanted to have an event that put running on the map," Slaggie said.

The race was to support the Cross Country and Track and Field teams. The money raised in the event will contribute to scholarships for the teams' athletes.

Finishing the race first was Winona State University's own Ditlev Larsen, professor in the English department.

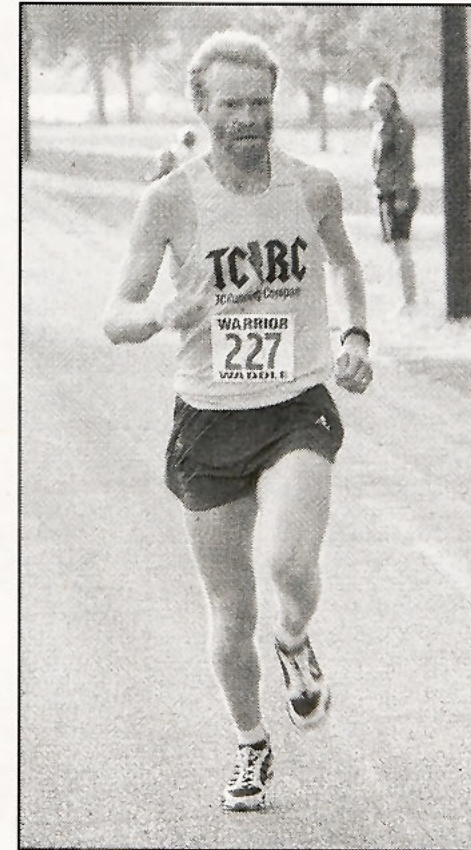
Larsen came out the race because he wanted to support the cause.

"That was my sport back when I was college age," Larsen said.



Winona State University's mascot Wazoo the Warrior rides in the chariot designed and built by the university's engineering students last year.

(Photo by Rory O'Driscoll/Winonan)



Winona State University English professor Ditlev Larsen finishes the "Warrior Waddle" first. Larsen said he came out to the race because he wanted to support the cause. "That was my sport back when I was college age," Larsen said. "I still like competing even though I'm older."

(Photo by Nick Furlong/Winonan)

Following the first Warrior Waddle, the community came out to watch the annual homecoming parade down Huff Street.

Donned in purple and white, families and students came together to celebrate the 150th birthday of Winona State University.

Themed "Happy Birthday WSU," floats of birthday related decorations paraded down the street, tossing candy and beads at the crowd.

The paraders ranged from girls in green from the Flanagan School of Irish Dance, to the flipping and tumbling Winona State girls gymnastics team.

Senior Katie Sayler was part of the parade with her sorority Phi Theta Chi.

The girls spent two days putting together a colorful paper-mâché cake with streamers and several hours that morning putting on the

final touches.

They wore paper birthday hats and waved at the crowds.

"The great thing about the parade is that it's a communal effort," Sayler said. "Decorating and putting it together is a great way to bond. Plus you get to see other people's floats the morning of as they're getting ready and everybody is just so positive and nice."

Sophomore Amelia Lonnes said she enjoyed watching how creative each different group and club was with the theme.

"It's so fun watching the people on floats get the crowd excited by throwing candy and beads out," Lonnes said.

This was Sayler's last Homecoming as a Winona State student and says she's really going to miss it.

"I'll just have to come back next year and see the sorority's float," she said.

Seniors Taz Landry and Lizzie Robbinette ride in a float at the homecoming parade. The two were elected this year's homecoming king and queen. (Photo by Rory O'Driscoll/Winonan)



What's happening at WSU...

Wednesday

Muslim Student Association Holds Iftar Dinner

PLACE: Lake Lodge, Winona

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Ashley Spriggle at AESprigg7009@winona.edu

Water Resources Discussion

PLACE: Stark Auditorium

TIME: 7 p.m.

Contact: Toby Dogwiler at TDogwiler@winona.edu

Thursday

WSU Presents Castro's Daughter: Alina Fernandez

PLACE: East Hall, Kryzsko Commons

TIME: 7 p.m.

Contact: Alex Hines at AHines@winona.edu

Modern Dance Improvisation Jam: Jen Stone

PLACE: Dance Studio, Memorial 300

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Megan Thompson at 507-457-5206 or e-mail METHompson@winona.edu

Friday

Dance Duet: Jen Stone and Megan Thompson

PLACE: Dance Studio, Memorial 300

TIME: Noon

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SMU Stages "Bus Stop" Comedy

PLACE: Page Theater, SMU

TIME: 7 p.m.

Contact: Call 507-457-1715 or visit www.pagetheatre.org.

Saturday

SMU Stages "Bus Stop" Comedy

PLACE: Page Theater, SMU

TIME: 7 p.m.

Contact: Call 507-457-1715 or visit www.pagetheatre.org

Monday

Note Taking and Study Skills

PLACE: Dining Rooms C and D, Kryzsko Commons

TIME: Noon to 1 p.m., 5 to 6 p.m.

Contact: Alex Hines at AHines@winona.edu

Molly Moran: Sculpture Exhibition

PLACE: Watkins Hall

TIME: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact: Anne Plummer at APlummer@winona.edu

Tuesday

Molly Moran: Sculpture Exhibition

PLACE: Watkins Hall

TIME: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact: Anne Plummer at APlummer@winona.edu

MENC Faculty Recital

PLACE: Performing Arts Center

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Call Marybeth Lenhardt at 507-457-5250

Sunday

SMU Stages "Bus Stop" Comedy

PLACE: Page Theater, SMU

TIME: 3 p.m.

Contact: Call 507-457-1715 or visit www.pagetheatre.org

Memorials are important, with proper emphasis



**By Brian Sanders
Winonan**

Last week Sarah wrote about her experience following the 9/11 vigil with a visitor who apparently was not very friendly.

This has caused me to reflect a bit on the way Americans react to our national tragedies.

Now, I can certainly relate with any criticisms regarding how America has responded in the seven years since 9/11, but there is still a certain value in choosing to remember the victims, as with any terrible event.

Both the 9/11 flag tribute and the Vietnam Memorial wall should prompt us to consider the significance of these events, which can have a wide variety of interpretations.

Americans are impressively patriotic when dealing with national tragedies; I do not have enough world experience to know if this is the case in other nations.

I think this is one criticism that many people have of 9/11 memorials — they often invoke nationalistic sentiments and underplay more serious ramifications of the events.

It leaves a bad taste in one's mouth when one tries to reflect on a tragedy and is bombarded with praise for the Red, White and Blue.

For instance, when I was a freshman in high school (2003), we were asked to wear red, white, and blue on Sept. 11 in order to honor the victims.

This seemed as ridiculous to

me at the time as it does today.

I'm sure Principal Druschke was just trying to do something respectable, but students definitely don't take dress-up days seriously, no matter what the occasion.

By trying to force some sort of patriotic remembrance and heroification of the victims, my school turned the occasion into a joke, equivalent to a pep rally.

There are much better ways to memorialize a tragedy.

It seems to me that the Vietnam Memorial wall is a much more sincere form of remembrance than most 9/11-related memorials.

It knocks home the point without bashing you over the head with the Grand Old Flag.

I can take a look at the wall and be amazed at the numbers of soldiers who died in Vietnam, and I don't feel like someone is asking me to praise America simultaneously.

While I confess that I mock the "Never Forget" rhetoric as much as the next cynical sarcastic leftist, I completely agree with the statement itself. It is crucial to remember and consider the significance of such events.

While the traveling Vietnam Memorial wall seems silly in some ways, at the very least it is reminding us of the lives that were lost in an arguably pointless war.

Americans have terrible historical memories; this is even truer of college students who have no memory further back than Bill Clinton.

Therefore, there is a certain degree of usefulness in memorials for 9/11, Vietnam, Hurricane Katrina, Columbine, any car crash or any murder, rape or other exploitation or tragedy.

It is important to keep these events in our collective consciousness so we do not

lose sight of the severity of our current situation.

As someone who suspects that 9/11 was some sort of an inside job, my reflection on that event is probably less "patriotic" than the typical reflection.

However, that in no way undermines the significance of the deaths to me.

Whether one believes that 9/11 was the work of terrorists abroad who hate America, or terrorists in our government who hate Americans, it was still the murder of mostly innocent civilians, and it is important to remember that occasion and evaluate how we can strive toward a world with less innocent casualties than we have today.

I can get behind any WSU 9/11 vigil with that goal.

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Let's get a good band (or two) for the spring concert, eh?



**By Sarah Burgen
Winonan Editor-in-Chief**

The spring concert. Yeah. It's a little early to start thinking about it.

But, I am, as is a majority of the Winonan staff.

I've never actually attended a spring concert put on by Winona State University.

Bowling For Soup my freshman year? No, thank you.

Cake sophomore year was decent, but I went to a better

concert somewhere else.

UW-Oshkosh basically trumps us every single year.

Three years ago, they hosted Limbeck as a small show. The main event was Dashboard Confessional.

Last year, they had Ben Folds AND Jack's Mannequin. Yeah, I was there, and yeah, it was awesome.

In a lengthy discussion today, four of us debated possible acts we'd like to see rock McCown Gymnasium.

It took a visit to Events Resources Presents Inc.'s web site to figure out what might be in the university's price range.

Several bands seem to be reasonable as far as cost goes.

In fact, if we follow the \$60,000 budget allotted for the failed Akon show last year, we could potentially have three

bands play, with \$5,000 to spare.

So where does that leave us? Well, in my opinion, picking a genre that can appeal to almost anyone is a good thing. Getting back the money paid up front in ticket revenue is obviously the goal of a concert.

I'm biased when I come to music.

At the homecoming parade, my friends yelled for Fall Out Boy to be the act.

This isn't a viable option to me. However, I've e-mailed UPAC on several occasions, offering suggestions for even incredibly cheap concerts.

My friends in bands ask if I can talk to my school about a small show. Most of the time, I don't get a message back.

So, UPAC, here is my plea. My question. My desire.

The headliner at the spring concert should be Phantom Planet, with support from Rooney. For the openers, I think either a comedian, like Demetri Martin, or a smaller band, like The Hush Sound.

This brings the grand total for concert expenses to \$55,000.

With the lack of concert last year, and the possibility for many smaller concerts throughout the year, I think having these three bands would be pretty sweet.

Or, we could be the host of a Blink-182 reunion. Tom DeLonge just has to go to the hospital and see Travis and the band will reunite (Dream big, Sarah, dream big).

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Desperate times call for desperate measures

Stolen bike seat makes for an uncomfortable ride to class



By Lauren Vincenti
Winonan

Like most people, my summer was incredibly enjoyable, somewhat relaxing and way too fast.

When I came back to Winona for this new school year, I didn't expect anything out of the ordinary.

ZaZa's still offers Wednesday Wing Night, people are still seen playing frisbee on campus, and freshmen still walk in clumps of 20 or more.

This, I thought at the time, is going to be yet another great year.

I unpacked, got organized and slowly settled into my new

apartment.

Just as I was about to sit down to relax, I was asked to go on a bike ride. Heck yes!

I missed having my bike with me over the summer and was ecstatic to accompany my friend on a leisurely bike ride through Winona.

This is when my day started, tragically, to go down hill.

As I walked toward the bike rack that, I thought, was there to protect my bike, my heart sank deep into my chest.

I realized that my bike seat was missing. Yes, technically I could go for a bike ride it just wouldn't be the most comfortable one.

In the past, I have been quick to assume that things have been stolen from me.

This is mostly because I don't want to admit that I have trouble keeping track of my stuff.

I quickly ran back into my apartment in search of my missing bike seat.

Sadly though, I did not have it in my possession.

This time, I knew it was stolen. The thing is, I don't blame the person who took it.

If I had one of those narrow, rail-like seats, my judgment would only be impaired because my cheeks were spread about as far apart as the Mississippi River.

And seeing such a wide, comfortable, and inviting bike seat, I would have to take it.

With tears streaming down my face (maybe a little dramatic), I contemplated the options.

Reluctantly, I went to the bike store downtown Winona and bought a new seat.

For the past couple weeks I have been searching high and low, but mostly waist high, for an item that was most beloved to me: my bike seat.

Every time I go past a bike rack, I search as if I am on a safari trying to find the rarest of animals.

I may, or may not, have lifted up the plastic bags people put on the seat to protect (or hide) it.

Seriously, that is not an exaggeration.

So, I guess what I'm trying to say is that there is a thief in our midst.

A thief that has a fetish for large, comfortable bike seats with the pole still attached.

Look out!

I would not want the same thing that happened to me to happen to any other innocent bike owner.

Unless the bike seat you are using isn't your own to begin with, the previous warning does not apply to you.

Instead, don't complain or get mad when you have to ride your bike standing up because it may have been taken back by the rightful owner.

In the words of Justin Timberlake and Queen, respectively, "cry me a river," "I want to ride my bicycle."

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Where are you, Walz?

Our family stayed home this summer. We might take one day trip to a museum and then go out for pizza, but that's it.

No week up north for us this year. Gas is just too expensive.

We can't afford a new car or the current gas prices near \$4 per gallon.

Tim Walz must be doing the same thing.

No trips during his vacation from Congress either, especially not to visit us over here in the far corner of the district.

I have yet to see him at any of the small town events in my area.

Here's an idea, Tim. Let's use

our own oil.

That is why I am voting for Brian Davis on Sept. 9.

-Kayla Peterson
Winona

Where is he? It doesn't seem to matter whether it's Houston County, Winona County, or Fillmore County; he's not there. I'm talking about the community celebrations and parades I have attended this year. I look for him. Where is Tim Walz?

I guess now that he's in office he doesn't need to see us, even though he is on vacation from Congress and has the time to visit. Could it be that gas is too expensive for him, too?

Tim: Drill here. Drill now. That is why I am voting for

Brian Davis on Sept. 9th.

-Karla Bennett
Winona

Pfeilsticker's bad idea

Recently Linda Pfeilsticker stated she is a strong advocate of the transportation tax increase bill passed this spring. Apparently Pfeilsticker has never read the bill or she intended to mislead readers about the actual content of HF 2800. For instance, the gas tax will increase gas prices 8.5 cents and not 5.5 cents, as she stated.

Wake up Linda, because

thanks to the transportation bill, we have even more new taxes. Consumers also get to pay more motor vehicle registration taxes, rental car usage taxes, potential local sales and use tax, and additional sales tax on new vehicle purchases.

"We know exactly where that revenue will go, every cent raised from the gas tax will be spent on roads," Pfeilsticker said.

Is Linda really this naïve, or does she just hope the voters are? Linda, did you know this bill also funds a Humphrey Institute grant, property along the historic Great River Road, a new Mankato district headquarters, a new truck station for Chaska, MNDOT building renovation, a value capture study, and of course,

metro area transit funding, which includes light rail?

Liberal Linda is clearly out of touch with how economics work. Taxes like these drive businesses from our state. Transportation taxes drive up the operating costs which businesses are forced to absorb or pass onto the consumer in the form of higher prices. Just ask the 200 Winona area TRW workers facing layoff what increased burdens placed upon the auto industry have done for them. This is bad tax policy and Linda is too engrossed in playing party politics to notice it.

-Thom Heiderscheit
Winona

Almost famous: Minneapolis' Sing It Loud

By Courtney Cosgriff
Winonan

Sing It Loud, a self-described feel-good pop-rock group, released their debut CD "Come Around" yesterday from Epitaph Records.

The band includes lead guitarist Kieren Smith, Pat Brown on lead vocals and guitar, bassist Nate Flynn, Ben Peterson on the keys and Chris "Sick Boy" Lee on the drums.

According to the band's MySpace, Sing It Loud got started when Brown and Smith were in two local rival bands (The Semester and Jamestown Story) from Minneapolis.

They realized they had an unexpected connection: Smith's step-aunt was dating Brown's dad.

Around the time they realized the connection in April 2007, they decided to come together and form Sing It Loud.

The band's first show on July 14, 2007 was only three months after their formation.

"Come Around" is the band's first full-length CD.



Sing It Loud, a band out of Minneapolis, will be in concert at Thursday The Warehouse in La Crosse, Wis. The band's first full-length CD was released yesterday by Epitaph Records.

It was produced by Motion City Soundtrack guitarist Josh Cain and engineered by Mark Trombino, who has worked

with acts such as Blink-182 and Jimmy Eat World, according to Sing It Loud's MySpace.

"So many pop bands are on

"pop" record labels, but we're a pop band on the most badass, punk-rock label ever," Brown says. "It lets us keep a more

individual and original vibe, because we're not associated with a bunch of bands on the same label that sound exactly like us."

Members of Motion City Soundtrack, another Minneapolis group, not only had a hand in the production of their record, but singer Justin Pierre sings guest vocals on a track and also directed their music video for "No One Can Touch Us."

According to the band's MySpace, "Come Around" features a diverse collection of songs with fist-pumping melodies (songs like "I've Got A Feeling" and "Marionettes") and head-bopping choruses (like "Best Beating Heart" and "No One Can Touch Us").

The band, which includes members from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Indiana, have only been together for a little over a year and have already been on eight tours.

They were signed to Epitaph Records after only seven

Contributed photo by Collin Hughes

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Volunteers run humane society

By Rebecca Erdmann
Winonan

For animal lovers, one of the hardest things about going to college can be leaving a furry friend behind.

Some students go into dog or cat withdrawal within a few weeks, and seek out other people's pets to dote on, however, there is a four-legged population in Winona that often goes overlooked.

Cats and dogs always need attention at the Winona Area Humane Society.

Volunteers provide care for the animals' physical needs, while simultaneously socializing the animals to be comfortable with

a variety of people.

"Cat care and dog walker volunteers are always needed," Dede Olson, a volunteer and board member at the humane society, says.

Cat care volunteers clean and maintain the cat rooms by sweeping, changing beds, providing the cats with food and water, emptying litter boxes and cleaning dishes.

Dog care duties include taking dogs outdoors for "potty breaks," walking the dogs and cleaning the kennels.

Cat and dog care are weekly volunteer opportunities, with a one- to three-hour time commitment.

There is some flexibility in

choosing when to volunteer, but Olson cautions that people "need to treat volunteering like a job."

April Herndon, an English professor at Winona State University, has been volunteering at the humane society since 2006. She goes to the humane society weekly to help with cat care and play with the cats.

"(The work is) rewarding and well worth the weekly commitment," Herndon says.

Herndon usually takes the evening shift, and finds it relaxing to interact with animals at the end of the day.

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The Ruckus

a review that loves music almost as much as you do

Crowes' got the modest blues

By Jack Chandler
Winonan

If there's one rule to blues-rock, it's that you can never have too much of a good thing.

By good thing we, of course, are speaking about fruitful key jams, treacherously long guitar solos and an altogether chubby sound that rises from a group of musicians all trying to get theirs together on stage.

Rightfully so, these excesses in consumption draw parallels to every college student's favorite weekend of fall: Homecoming.

And what better way to flaunt your belligerent self than to celebrate with the stylings of southern-rockers The Black Crowes classic jam disc "Shake Your Money Maker?"

Brothers and bandleaders Chris and Rich Robinson have an apparent soft spot for

rock heroes The Stones and The Allman's, and they do the greats some justice with this tribute record.

It's a tribute in the sense that The Crowes' methods are tried and true, but their end product is an originality all their own.

Lead singer Chris Robinson spends most of "Money Maker" wailing out of heartbreak, providing a level of understated insight that would keep a good dog down.

"Eatin' lonely, that's the way it goes sometimes," Robinson delivers on the fast-paced rocker "Could I've Been So Blind."

It's hard to find the type of live-music energy in the studio that southern rock provides, and The Crowes' ability to go overboard in the sound room is refreshing for a record that was released at the peak of assembly-line record production.

Rich Robinson provides all the necessary bend-but-don't-break riffs on "Jealous Again," while broseph Chris provides weekend déjà vu, singing "Always drunk on Sunday, tryin' to feel like I'm at home."

Some resilient piano from keys man Chuck Leavell really makes things dance. These are Stones tunes on a smaller scale, only with more country spirit and less whiskey.

The brotherly love axe-duel at the end of "Twice As Hard"

is vintage Dickey and Greg, and The Crowes' quick fan base explosion is no surprise when you recognize all the jam fans out there who had waited through the 1980s to get excited about something new.

Records
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random

"Struttin' Blues" is The Crowes channeling their Bon Scott-era AC/DC with distortion, distortion and

more distortion.

Robinson reaches his upper register on the microphone, but it's for naught on a track where guitars suffocate out everything else.

These guys can even do power riffs well.

The album standout is surprisingly acoustic; the former college radio favorite "She Talks To Angels." The ethereal organ jam is about losing a battle with drug dependence, but you wouldn't know it from the Robinson Brother's warm arrangement.

The lyrics aren't as good as The Stones, nor the playing in the same ballpark as the Allman Brothers. "Shake Your Money Maker" is a modest blues-rock record that borrows a few pages from a not-so-modest playbook (biggest band ever and guitar gods anyone?). "Money Maker" is a very nice debut from a group who has weathered the rock n' roll storm to present day success.

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The Fire Five

1

"Un-Named"

Leona Naess

Veteran songwriter Naess loves to craft the warm and mushy songs, and if she continues to include these hypnotic synthesizers more power to her.

2

"Borrowed Time"

Madvillain

DOOM's butter-baritone complements Madlib's minimal beat as the Madvillain members try to duplicate the splendor of their "Madvillianry" record.

3

"Some Are Lakes"

Land of Talk

Have you ever wondered what alternative superheroes sound like? Listen to the lush vocals and contagious harmonies on the Canadian trio's "Some Are Lakes" to say you have.

4

"Don't Think I Don't Think About It"

Darius Rucker

Maybe the Hootie and The Blowfish front man should continue to think less and write more songs that sound like Blowfish tunes.

5

"Green Light"

(Afrognic Remix)

John Legend ft. Andre 3000

This frantic beat gets beautifully altered by way of this funkied-guitar dub makeover. Taking it easy with a capital E.



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'My Best Friend's Girl': Funny but predictable

Film

My Best Friend's Girl

Genre

Comedy

Director

Howard Deutch

Cast

Dane Cook, Kate Hudson, Alec Baldwin, Jason Biggs, Lizzy Caplan

MPAA Rating

R

Run Time

111 minutes

Joe's Judgement

B-

By Joe Underbakke
Winonan

If you've ever read my column, you'll know that I'm not very forgiving when it comes to bogged down, clichéd movies whose plot could boil down to a simple mathematic equation.

I think writing for the Winonan is a great job, and it lets me see a lot of movies that I wouldn't otherwise go see. However, some weeks I'm forced to choose between a rotten banana and a rotten apple.

This was one of those weeks. Friday night spent contemplating between a Samuel L. Jackson version of "Disturbia" or Jason Biggs getting his first role since being denied "American Pie: More Pie for Everyone this time Around, and Sex too" (not a real movie).

I even so much as asked the guy at the ticket counter which



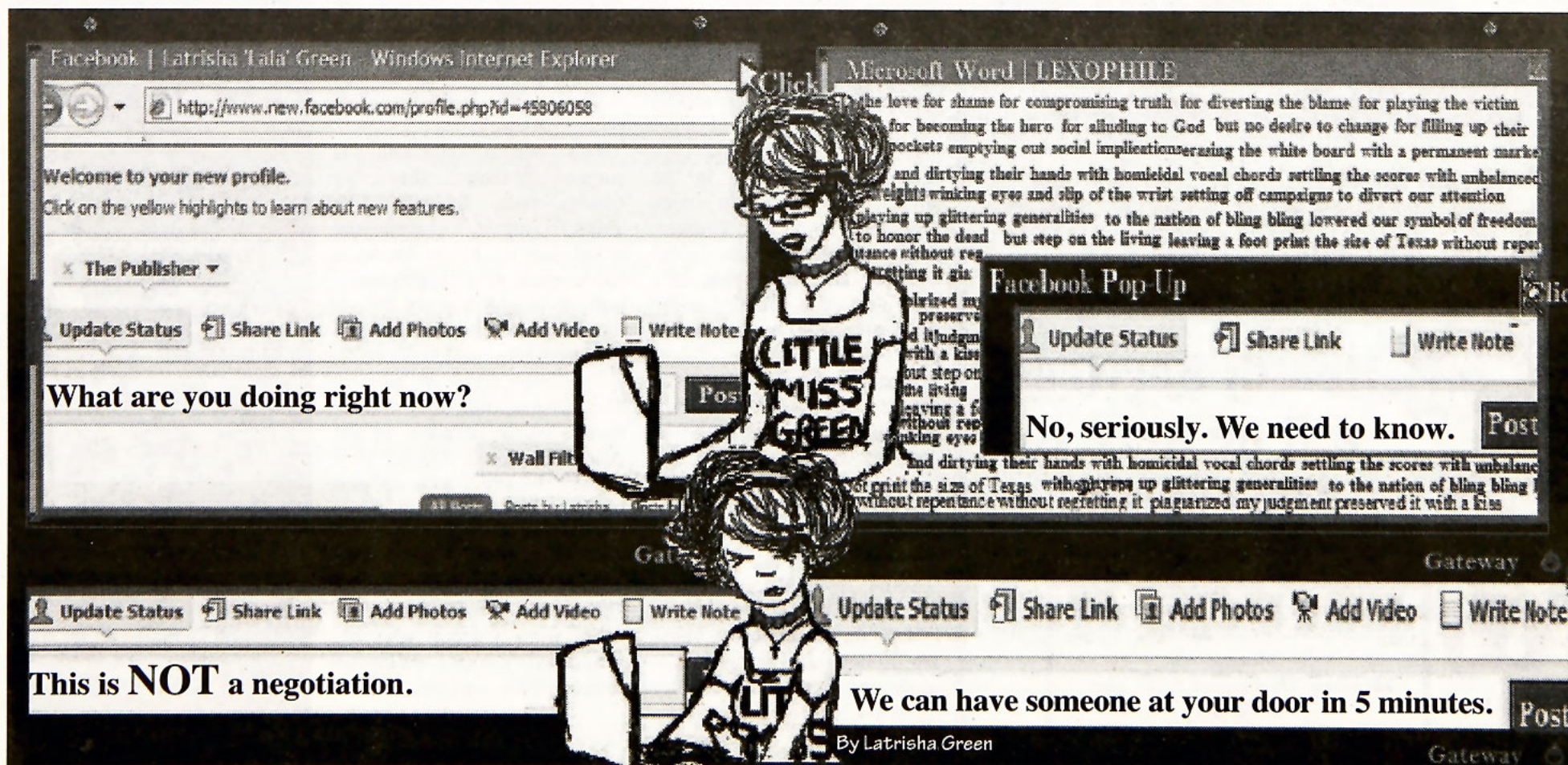
Kate Hudson, Dane Cook and Jason Biggs star in the romantic comedy "My Best Friend's Girl," about a man who is paid to date girls and treat them poorly so they go back to their exboyfriends.

one he'd rather go see, and like flipping the man as a coin and watching him land either

glasses up or glasses broken, he suggested the Jason Biggs comeback flick, "My Best

Friend's Girl."

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MTV.com users react to plane crash

Messages of hope and condolence to victims' families

By Chris Harris
MTV News

Shortly after word came that DJ AM (born Adam Goldstein) and former Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker miraculously escaped a deadly plane crash on Friday in Colombia, South Carolina, fans began to react to the news.

As information on the accident trickled in Saturday morning, the MTV News site was quickly flooded with comments from well-wishers who, like the rest of us, were anxious for updates about the musicians' conditions and the identity of the four people killed in the crash. (Doctors now say they expect Barker and AM to make a full recovery.) "When I heard this on the news, I started to cry," xxMExx wrote. "I am glad they are going to recover. Everyone else on that plane that died can rest in peace."

A user identified as ih8clowns said that the news "hurts my heart," adding that Barker and AM "seem like such down-to-earth guys, and I love how enthusiastic they are about their music. My thoughts and prayers are with all the victims and their families. I'm sure it will be a tough road ahead but I feel that they will pull through. Hang in there and try to stay strong, guys."

Several fans, like Chavell, said their first reaction was to pray for those who were killed in the crash, as well as those who'd survived it. "When it's not your time to go, you're not going anywhere," Chavell wrote. "And I pray that DJ AM and Travis make a speedy recovery."

While some fans were in despair, others offered comforting words. "I live right outside of Augusta, Georgia, and while I am very upset this had to happen, it couldn't have happened in a better place," fireaway_sara said. "Our burn center is voted the best burn

unit in the Southeast, so they are in the best hands."

Understandably, many fans were still shocked by the story. "I couldn't believe it at first," wrote DJ Stephan, who said he was at a gig when he heard the news. "I thought this girl was joking. Then she convinced me that it was true, and my heart sank. Having been a drummer for a long time, Travis has been one of my influences in music. My heart goes out to all the family members who lost a loved one, to Travis and DJ AM for the loss of their friends and hope for speedy recovery for Travis and DJ AM. I think that they really had someone watching over them, considering how many artists haven't made it out alive in a plane crash."

"I didn't actually believe that this happened when I heard about it, because I heard about it from my mom who doesn't understand who is in what band or anything," xverse wrote. "She told me that Blink-182 was in a plane crash, and I was like, 'That is impossible. Why would Blink be in the same plane at the same time?' Then I looked it up on here and saw it was Travis and his friends, and it blew my mind. I'm so glad he didn't die. If he did, it would have been a huge blow to everyone. That's how much of a badass Travis is — an 'effin plane is going to crash and he hops out of the thing to survive."

While several fans commented on Barker and AM's harrowing escape, others suspected a higher power may have intervened. SnookyandJosh wrote: "This is a tragedy beyond words. Both DJ AM and Travis have an angel protecting them. Both men are truly blessed. I literally stopped in my tracks when I heard it on the news. It is tragic that not everyone was fortunate enough to survive. It just goes to show that life can throw anything at you when it

feels like it."

Others sent messages specifically for the families involved. "I know you're aware of all of us praying, family, friends and the fans, who don't even know personally anyone involved," Elyse wrote. "I hope it helps and makes you proud to see how much your family affected and influenced the people who just heard of them, or watched them on TV."

On Monday, Barker's ex-wife, Shanna Moakler, issued a statement thanking everyone for the "outpouring of love and support we have received during this very difficult time." Several fans left messages for Barker's assistant Chris Baker, one of the victims in the crash. Baker had appeared on MTV's reality show "Meet the Barkers" and is survived by his wife and a 2-year-old son.

"I would like to say a personal prayer to Chris Baker's wife and child," the momof3 said. "May you have your memories and may [they] remind you of the love you and Chris shared in his short life and within your marriage."

Tone Fox said he'd met Baker once and thanked him "for being so humble and loving. It was a pleasure to shake your hand. You touched us all. A man of his word and full of life. ... We love you and will see you soon."

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There I sat, alone in a dark theater on a Saturday afternoon, almost ready to cry.

Then something strange happened. I started to laugh.

I don't like Dane Cook; I don't like him the slightest, but sometimes he's able to deliver lines like no one else. In those times you have to laugh.

The story line in the movie is essentially the opposite of another Dane Cook rom-com, "Good Luck Chuck," in which he helps women meet their husbands.

In "My Best Friend's Girl," Dane gets paid to date girls and act so awful that they go running back to the "nice guy" they abandoned.

His little entrepreneurial endeavor gets flipped on its ear when his best friend/roommate/cousin(?) gets dumped by the love of his life, Alexis, (Kate Hudson), and hires Tank (I'm not making the name up), to

help him get her back.

Love, drama, backstabbing and all of these other expected anecdotes play out exactly as they should, and that's fine.

When you see a romantic comedy, you sign a contract that you're going to let it unfold exactly how you know it's going to and prevent yourself from complaining.

As I mentioned earlier, I honestly found myself laughing out loud at a number of parts, one of which involved Tank's father, a sex-crazed women's psychology professor, played by Alec Baldwin.

Alec Baldwin, whom everyone would love to have as their uncle, has a nearly two minute bit of dialogue where he recounts his previous evening to his son. Aside from mentioning an analogy to an airbag, there isn't much I can repeat here (which seems to happen a lot in this column),

but it will suffice to say that the audience had to wait 30 or so seconds before they allowed themselves to laugh.

As far as reviewing this movie, I don't think that's necessary, because I could have reviewed the plot and story without seeing it.

What I feel I am doing is revealing/accepting that it wasn't as bad as it could have been.

Probably a good date movie, probably a good movie for someone who owns all 17 "American Pie" sequels and watches them hoping Jason Biggs makes a cameo, and probably good for that extroverted, over opinionated clown who thinks Dane Cook is the best thing to happen to comedy since the microphone.

It's funny. I laughed. B-

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shows.

Sing It Loud has gone from a couple small Midwest tours to an East Coast tour to recently touring with bigger name bands such as Motion City Soundtrack and The Spill Canvas.

Brown, who says their main influences are The Starling Line, The Early November and the All American Rejects, said that he has always wanted to play music.

"I've absolutely always wanted to do something with music," Brown says. "I've been involved in music since I was three years old."

With three of the five members hailing from Minnesota, Brown says their favorite place to perform is Minneapolis.

"Minneapolis is of course our favorite place to play," Brown says. "But other places where we get good crowds are Allentown and Altoona, Pa., Providence, R.I., and anywhere in Ohio and Michigan."

Since Sing It Loud thrives off the crowd at their shows, they are currently having a contest where any city could win an exclusive acoustic show.

To enter, fans can go to the band's MySpace and enter their

phone number.

The city with the most numbers will win a free acoustic set.

The set will be performed at a date on the upcoming Sing It Loud tour.

To see other exclusive contests with Sing It Loud related prize packages visit the band's MySpace at www.myspace.com/singitloud.

Sing It Loud will also be performing at The Warehouse in La Crosse, Wis. tomorrow, Sept. 25, with You, Me and Everyone We Know, Take Cover and Linden to further promote their new disc.

As Sing It Loud becomes more and more well known, having a strong fan base is still the most important thing to Brown.

"Our fan base is growing everyday. Our fans rule," he says.

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Evening with Wank

The fourth abomination

By Alex Wank
Winonan

Gazing over the horizon, each and every one of us must be steadfast in looking toward our future goals and not only meeting them, but exceeding them in every way possible.

We must not cease until we have achieved them to the highest, raising the bar in everything that we do, overcoming every obstacle in our way.

Unless of course, your particular goal is considered to be sick or twisted, such as rising into the ranks of politics or transferring to St. Mary's University.

As you may know, last weekend was homecoming.

To reiterate what I told you in the first issue, dear reader, I am a freshman, and I assumed that there was going to be a dance.

As you all know, there was no dance, but I did shake my groove to the band's music in the parade.

They really know how to blow. I mean, did you hear those trumpet players? Fantastic.

On a bit less spirited note, the end of the world truly is neigh.

I'm not sure why a horse would end the world—unless we're talking about Bad Horse—but let me explain my reason for deducing that I am the culprit behind this.

You see, there is an old prophecy (that I just made up) that states the following: "The fourth night shall come to print and, with it, the world shall crumble."

Now, the night clearly refers to this column, "Evening With Wank."

As the prophecy claims, it shall come to print. Well, seeing as you're reading this in the newspaper, I hope that doesn't need an explanation.

All that said, I never understood the claim of it being the "fourth."

At least, I never understood until now.

This issue is the fourth that has been made for the Winonan. So, I think it may just be time to either run around screaming that the world will end or completely ignore my stupidity.

Personally, I'm going to follow the latter.

Now, dear reader, I would like to ask you a simple question. Why haven't you contacted me?

I mean, I was clear.

I gave you my e-mail so you could tell me just what you wanted me to include in this column.

I thought we were having a good time.

You know, this is the equivalent of not returning any of my phone calls.

Even if you have no idea about what I should write about, still contact me.

Yes, I am a manchine; I stated that before, but that doesn't mean that I don't have feelings.

If you actually made it this far I'm extremely proud of you.

In this issue, I would like to do something that I have never done before.

I would like to give a shout out to the Fencing Club, which meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Talbot gym.

It's really a fun club. Just try it once and you'll have a lot of fun. Trust me. For once.

Moving off of this topic, I would love to know something. Is it just me, or do bananas talk to dogs?

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Volunteers help with animal care during one of two shifts. Morning shift runs from 7 to 9 a.m.; evening shifts from 4 to 7 p.m.

Herndon says there are always lots of students from Winona State, St. Mary's University, Cotter High School and other local schools who volunteer. Faculty and staff from these schools volunteer as well.

"The volunteers from Winona State are a wonderful group; the students work so hard," Olson says.

After filling out an application from the Humane Society, volunteers attend a dog and cat care training session.

Training covers information such as where cleaning supplies are kept and what tasks a volunteer can expect while volunteering.

The Winona Humane Society offers training sessions twice a month, usually on Saturdays.

The next training sessions are scheduled from 2 to 3 p.m. on Oct. 12 and 26.

There are other volunteer opportunities with the humane society that don't involve working with the animals.

Volunteers work the office at the Humane Society, answering phone calls, greeting people who come in to see the animals and explaining the adoption process.

Students help with fundraisers by stuffing envelopes requesting donations or setting up for the annual wine-tasting and bake sale.

There are also one-time volunteer opportunities, which usually involve cleaning or painting, but Olson says that, "the biggest need is animal care."

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 Volunteers like this woman at the Winona Area Humane Society, provide care for cats and dogs. Cat care volunteers clean and maintain the cat rooms by sweeping, changing beds, providing cats with food and water, emptying litter boxes and cleaning dishes. Dog care duties include taking the dogs outdoors for walks and cleaning kennels. There are also non-animal jobs at the humane society.

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Winona State running back Andrew Verbancoeur breaks for open field during the Warriors' 37-10 homecoming victory over Concordia-St. Paul on Saturday at Maxwell Field at Alltel Stadium in Winona. Verbancoeur ran for 96 yards and two touchdowns against the Golden Bears. The senior from Green Bay, Wis., leads the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in rushing touchdowns with seven in four games.

Photo by Rory O'Driscoll/WINONAN

Home sweet homecoming 2008

By Adam Stanek
Winonan

Alltel Wireless Stadium in Winona, Minn. is home, sweet, home for the Warriors.

Not only did Winona State University's football team (3-1) win their third straight home game, but they also did it

with the biggest, most excited of crowds.

"We had a great student population down here today in the end zone," said Winona State coach Tom Sawyer.

The Warriors picked up a 37-10 homecoming victory over the Concordia-St. Paul Golden Bears (2-2) last Saturday.

Winona State did not

take long to get ahead in this homecoming game as quarterback Greg Preston connected with freshman wide receiver Justin Thomas on a 62-yard touchdown.

With the Warriors up 7-0, they were able to take advantage of one of four turnovers that the Golden Bears had in the first quarter.

Preston got his second touchdown pass on a five-yard toss to senior wideout Tyrre Burks, putting Winona State up 14-0 with 4:01 to go in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, C-SP managed to put together a 12-play, 74-yard drive, which

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Point After Column: Record kick won't be Fahey's last

By Chandler MacLean
Winonan

Cullen Fahey kicked three field goals his senior year at Prairie Ridge High School in Crystal Lake, Ill.

Last Saturday, the true freshman kicker and punter on Winona State University's football team matched that total on one historic afternoon.

Fahey went 3-for-5 on field goals, 4-for-4 on extra points and averaged 44 yards on four punts in the Warriors' 37-10 homecoming victory over Concordia-St. Paul at Maxwell Field at Alltel Stadium.

The last of Fahey's three field goals went for a record-distance 47 yards and gave Winona



Fahey

State the final points of its third-consecutive victory. Fahey's boot broke an 11-year record held by Derek Johnson, who kicked a 46-yarder in 1997 Mayville State (N.D.) at the field-goal friendly Metrodome.

"He's just a great kid," Warriors coach Tom Sawyer said. "He works his tail off, he has a natural swing and he's very, very good."

The three field goals gave Fahey a share of another school record and his 13 kicking points accounted for the second-highest total in program history.

Fahey was mobbed by high school buddies after the game.

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Warriors' Wild Week: *WSU volleyball doubles up on St. Cloud State, falls to defending national champion Golden Bears*

By Johnny Podominick
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It was quite a week for the Winona State University volleyball team.

The Warriors sandwiched a dominating home victory over St. Cloud State between the first win in program history in St. Cloud and a competitive loss to No. 2 ranked and defending national champion Concordia-St. Paul.

Winona State's rivalry with SCSU started in 1969, and up until Tuesday night, the Warriors had never won in St. Cloud. WSU looked well on its way to victory, winning the first two sets 25-21, 25-15, but SCSU fought back to win the next two sets 25-18, 26-24, to force a decisive Game 5.

In the fifth set, the Warriors rallied from a 14-13 deficit to win 17-15. Carmen Stankowski collected a pair of kills to tie the match at 15-15 and Jenna Padley provided the last two kills to win the game. The set included eight ties and three lead changes.

Carmen Stankowski led the way for the Warriors with a match-high 19 kills. Jessi Peterson added 17 and Rudi Balich contributed 15.

"Carmen Stankowski was exceptional," Winona State coach Connie Mettelle said. "Offensively, defensively and everywhere in between."

On Friday, the Warriors

matched up against the Huskies at home, and this time, Mettelle's squad didn't need a fifth-game comeback.

Winona State took control of the game early, sweeping SCSU in three sets, 25-18, 25-15 and 25-19.

Balich had a team-high 13 kills, Stankowski had 17 digs, and Mollie Bjelland had 27 assists to lead the Warriors.

Mettelle said the key to the dominating victory was not getting complacent.

"Last week we felt like we were in control and we let them back into the match," Mettelle said.

"We did not want to put ourselves in that situation again."

WSU tried to add to their three-match winning streak Saturday against Concordia-St. Paul, but couldn't get passed the No. 2 ranked Bears, falling in three sets 25-17, 25-13, 25-17.

Balich had a team-high six kills, but WSU could only muster a 0.040 hitting percentage against the daunting block of the defending national champions. WSU missed the services of starter Keri Daly, who is out

with a shoulder injury. Despite the loss, Mettelle said she was pleased with the week her team put together.

"I'm very satisfied with this week," Mettelle said. "We feel really good about our program right now. Even with Saturday, having one of our starters out and two others playing on a limited basis, we scored 17 points twice against a really good volleyball team."

Winona State does not have

a midweek game this week, allowing Mettelle to rest her team, which has battled nagging injuries all season. The Warriors are at Bemidji State on Friday and at No. 12 Minnesota-Duluth on Saturday. "UMD is one of the best programs in Division II," Mettelle said. "This will be a new experience for everyone on this team. No one on this team has ever played in Duluth. We have to control our side of

the court."

Stankowski continues to be listed as day-to-day.

"We will take her whenever we can get her," Mettelle said. "We are 16 people strong and we feel comfortable with all 16 of our players."

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Photo by Nick Furlong/Winonan
Winona State's Rudi Balich, right, reaches for a dig during the Warriors' 3-0 victory against St. Cloud State on Friday at McCown Gymnasium in Winona. The home victory, which pushed the Warriors' record in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference to 2-1, came just three days after a 3-2 Warriors win at St. Cloud State, the first Winona State win at St. Cloud since the two teams began playing against each other in 1969.



Mettelle



Balich



Photo by Rory O'Driscoll/Winonan

Winona State's Brady Strangstalien follows through Saturday during the Express Suites Riverport Collegiate Championship at the Bridges Golf Course in Winona.

WARRIOR REPORT: Host Warriors surge

By Winonan staff

The host Winona State University men's golf team made a move on moving day at the Express Suites Riverport Inn Championship.

Warriors junior Brady Strangstalien dropped seven strokes to shoot 71 on the second and final round Monday at the Bridges Golf Club in Winona and finished tied for third at 149 (78-71). Strangstalien led a Winona State charge that saw the Warriors drop 11 strokes from their first-round total and climb from fourth to finish runner-up to tournament

champion MSU-Mankato.

Women's golf

Senior Megan Placko shot 77-81 to lead the Warriors to an eighth-place finish out of 17 teams Saturday and Sunday at the Mustang Invitational at the Marshall Golf Club.

Placko, an all-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference selection last season, has placed in the top 10 in all four meets for WSU this season.

Men's cross country

Freshman Bryan Lindquist paced Winona State with a 40th-place finish Saturday at the 12-team, 187-runner St. Olaf Invitational.

Lindquist finished in 28 minutes, 2 seconds — a 5:39 per mile pace — as the Warriors finished 10th overall.

Women's cross country

Freshman Jenna Southworth posted her third consecutive top-three finish to start the season, placing third Saturday at the St. Olaf Invite to lead the Warriors to fifth place.

Southworth led four Warriors in the top-30 with a time of 23:02 at the 13-team invite, which featured a field of 192 runners. Steph Smith finished 21st in 24:20, Allie Glasbrenner 22nd in 24:21 and Madeline Heinrich 27th in 24:43.

Warriors on the move

By Chandler MacLean
Winonan

Winona State University women's soccer coach Ali Omar uses the weekly Division II soccer rankings to determine how hard he'll work his team that week in practice.

If the Warriors are ranked high, practice is intensified to maintain the ranking.

If the Warriors are ranked low or unranked, practice is intensified to get better and move up in the rankings.

"It depends on what type of message we have to deliver," Omar said with a wry smile.

Winona State's rank should be way up when the polls

are published Tuesday. The Warriors (6-1-0, 2-0-0) lived up to their No. 7 billing — tied for the highest ranking in program history — over the weekend, opening the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference with a 4-1 win Saturday at Minnesota-Moorhead and a 6-0 win Sunday at Minnesota-Crookston.

Winona State's Lauren Sturdivant and Amelia Kasten each scored three goals in the stretch. Kasten had a hat trick at UM-Crookston.

After three of the teams formerly ranked ahead of the Warriors lost over the past week, the Warriors are a virtual lock to secure the highest ranking in program history.

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ended with a Stephan Bjerke 36-yard field, trimming the lead to 14-3.

However, that wouldn't stop the Warrior touchdown machine known as Andrew Verbancouer.

Verbancouer plowed through the Golden Bears on a 13-yard touchdown run to give the Warriors a 21-3 lead.

The Bears went on an 11-play, 75-yard drive capped off by a 5-yard touchdown pass from Mitch Brecke to Tyrone Ruffin, making the score 21-10 going into halftime.

"We probably should have been up 31-3 at the first half but we weren't," Sawyer said. "But we overcame that and we bounced back."

The Warriors defense stifled C-SP in the second half.

WSU's only scoring in the third quarter came off of freshman kicker/punter Cullen Fahey field goals from 32 and 39 yards, providing a 27-10 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Verbancouer punched in his seventh rushing touchdown of the season from five yards, giving WSU a 34-10 lead.

Just for good measure in a homecoming game, the Warriors broke a record, too.

Fahey kicked a 47-yard field goal, which broke the all-time record for longest field goal in Winona State history.

"We really found a gem there from Crystal Lake, Illinois," Sawyer said about Fahey. "He's got a natural leg."

In a dominating performance, Winona State out-rushed the C-SP 229 to 22 in the game.

The defense also helped by producing six turnovers, three interceptions and three fumbles, while holding the Golden Bears to just 291 total yards in the game.

Coach Sawyer was happy to get the win in front of the 1967 and 1983 teams who were honored during pre-game and halftime.

The Warriors finally hit the road again next week as they play one of their biggest games of the season.

They will be taking on Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference title contender Minnesota State-Mankato at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Blakeslee Stadium in Mankato.

"For us to do anything down the road, we need to have big wins and big wins on the road," Sawyer said. "We're excited about (the game)."

Get to know the Warriors: Cross country's Slack a man of the wild

By Chandler MacLean
Winonan

(Eds. note: 'Get to know the Warriors' will feature one-on-one interviews with Winona State athletes. This week the Winonan's Chandler MacLean met with cross country runner Ryan Slack)

WINONAN: How long have you been running?

Slack: Competitively, since seventh grade.

WINONAN: And before that?

Slack: When I could walk I guess.

WINONAN: What is it about the sport that you really enjoy?

Slack: I guess what sets it apart for me is it's not nearly as much of a competition with other people and other teams as it is a competition with yourself. If you don't do well in a race, it's not because somebody else beat you, it's because you didn't do what you said you would do. And when you're able to set goals and they're so very tangible: Can you get that time? Can you maintain that time? You either do or you don't. It's very tangible and real. Very measureable.

WINONAN: What does it feel like at the end of a race? Does your body start to break

down?

Slack: It's hard to tell during a race, but after you're done with a race, you can feel if you've raced or not. You're body can sneak up on you and slow you down when you don't want to slow down, and then at the end of the race you feel fine. Or, the right way to race, is to leave it all out there and at the end of the race you can barely walk. That's ideal. Pretty much you should feel like you're dying the last half mile or so.

WINONAN: Is there anything in particular that you do, like a mantra you say to yourself toward the end of the race?

Slack: I think it helps if there's someone in front of me that I can catch. I'm competitive with other people so that helps. I can work ahead one person at a time, so I have a really strong kick at the end. I like to work up toward the middle of the race.

WINONAN: What similarities do you see between cross country and other sports?

Slack: Any other sport, you should get done and know that you did your best and know that you left everything out there that you could. And with cross country that's very easy to tell. Either you're dead or you're

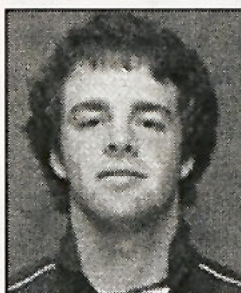
breathing. Either you left it out there or you didn't.

WINONAN: How would you describe coach Neal Mundahl?

Slack: He's a gazelle.

WINONAN: A gazelle?

Slack: Yeah. He was a pretty good runner in his time and he's still a very good lifelong runner. He's really smart, brilliant guy. He knows what workouts to have when, he know how to not



Slack

overwork people, keep everybody healthy and just run a good team. He's a lot of fun to hang around with, he's become a good friend of mine.

WINONAN: So what do you do when you're not running? Tell me about yourself.

Slack: Personally?

WINONAN: Sure.

Slack: Over the summer, what I really like to do is be out in the boonies, out in the woods. For the past few years I've been working as a canoe guide out in the boundary waters.

WINONAN: What's that like?

Slack: Fun (laughs). It's remote. It's a different sort of challenge. It lasts about a week,

anywhere from five days to 10 days out on the water.

WINONAN: What's the wildest thing you've seen out there?

Slack: I've been a couple hundred yards away from a wild fire and I almost lost a canoe down a waterfall before.

WINONAN: While you were on it?

Slack: Yeah.

WINONAN: How'd you get off of it?

Slack: I tried not to make my clients panic and just turned the boat around, got out of it.

WINONAN: Did you let them know they were in danger or did you try to play it off?

Slack: Oh they knew.

WINONAN: How about survival in the woods, does that come natural to you?

Slack: I've been compared to (Man vs. Wild host) Bear Grylls.

WINONAN: What sort of things do you know how to do?

Slack: The random cliché stuff. I know a lot of knots, how to light a fire in the rain, how to paddle a canoe, walk 20 miles at night, that sort of stuff.

WINONAN: How do you light a fire in the rain?

Slack: Find the dry stuff.

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FAHEY

He might never have kicked a field goal without them. It was Fahey's high school pals who convinced him to tryout for the football team his freshman year, after an eye-opening display of natural kicking ability in Fahey's front yard.

"They'd kick the ball, and I'd kick it back," Fahey said. "They were like, 'umm... have you ever thought about kicking?' I made a deal with a friend, if he tried out for basketball; I'd try out for football. From there on out, I kicked and loved it."

In just his fifth year of organized football, Fahey accomplished something that's never been done in Winona State's storied history.

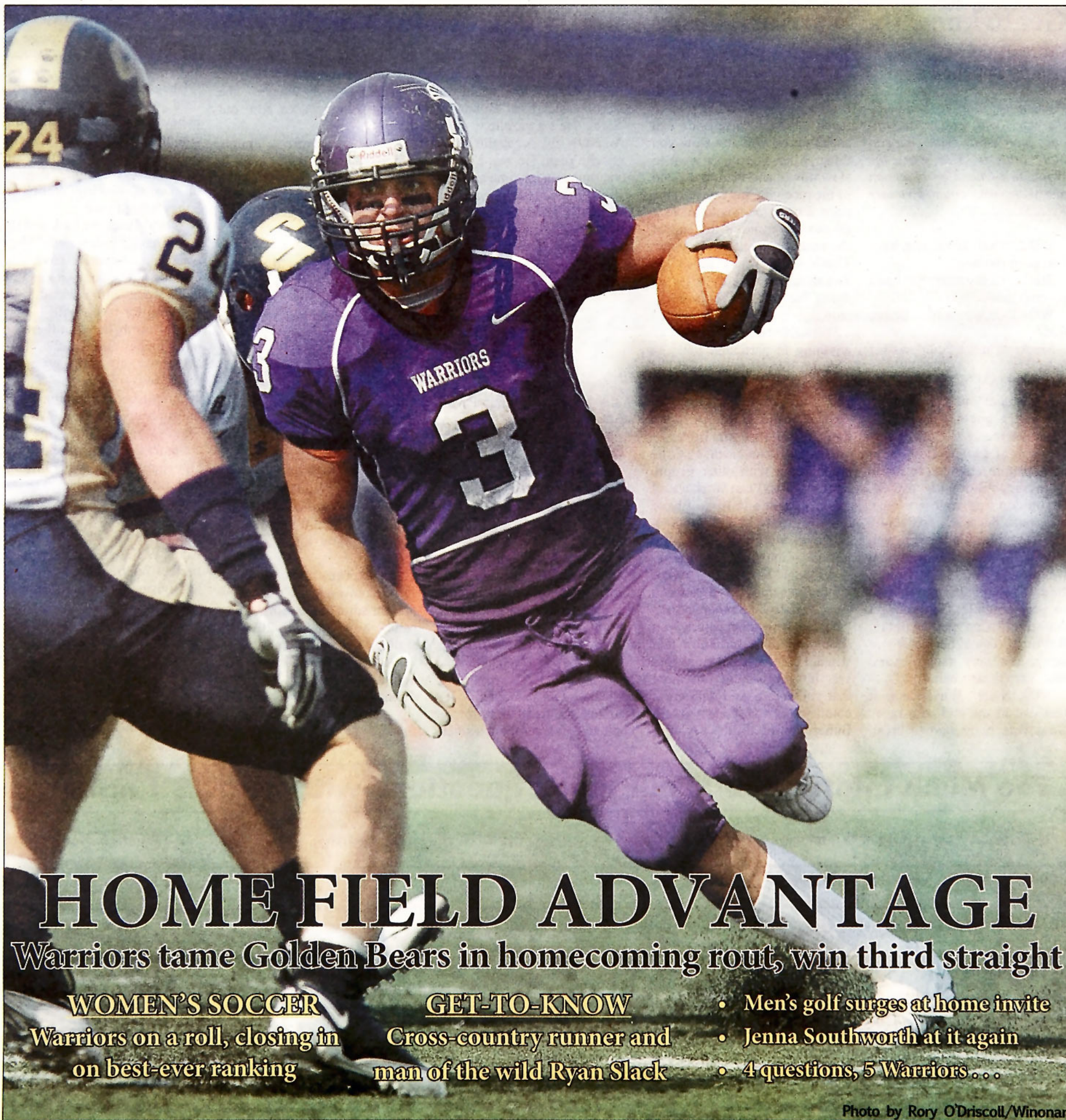
Something Johnson and Steve Opgenorth, both former kickers with numerous footnotes in the Warriors' record book, never accomplished. Something Mike Salerno, who transferred from WSU and is currently perfect on field-goal attempts at Division I Northern Illinois, never did.

And Fahey still has three-plus years to do it again.

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Too Much Information: Four quick questions with five WSU athletes

Player, team:	AIM or text message	Best place to study:	Least favorite practice activity:	What's on your iPod?
Amelia Kasten, soccer	"AIM. Text messaging takes longer."	"I study on my couch."	"Standing around."	"A whole variety of music."
Rudi Balich, volleyball	"I really enjoy both."	"My bed. I can study, fall asleep, wake up and study again."	"Warm-ups (run throughs in particular and cross-court setting)."	"As of last week I cannot find my iPod..."
Katie Schuller, golf	"AIM."	"At my desk."	"Anything when it's raining - I lose grip of my clubs!"	"M.I.A. Paper Planes is entertaining me at the moment."
Scott Sherman, football	"Texting."	"Library."	"Warming up."	"Guster, Dispatch and some Kanye and 2Pac to mix it up."
Heidi Woerle, soccer	"Texting!"	"Anywhere that includes coffee or a Big Buddy. Usually the library, though."	"Conditioning, with Coervers being a close second. But I really do like it all!"	"Music?! But specifically chill music and hard rock. A little bit of everything now."



HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

Warriors tame Golden Bears in homecoming rout, win third straight

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Warriors on a roll, closing in on best-ever ranking

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Cross-country runner and man of the wild Ryan Slack

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